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REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Official Action dated November 28, 2005, where the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-39. More specifically, the Examiner rejected claims 1-39 as allegedly being anticipated by Janninck et al., US Patent No. 6,768,899; claims 22-26 as allegedly being anticipated by SanGiovanni, US Published Patent Application No. 2002/0102946; claims 22-26 as allegedly being anticipated by Bequir, US Design Patent No. 427,172; claims 22-26 as allegedly being anticipated by Hong, US Design Patent No. 424,558; and claims 2-4, 12-16, 19, 22-26 and 28-30 as allegedly being anticipated by Gray, US Patent No. 5,485,517. Claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected as being obvious in view of Gray, '517.

However, the references fail to make known or obvious the claims, as presently pending. It is noted that with the exception of Gray, that none of the references cited by the Examiner provide for any mechanisms which provide for the automated rotation of two housing elements relative to each other, and Gray, '517, fails to provide for any such rotation between a substantially closed position to a substantially opened position (claims 15 and 22). Relative to claim 1, the Examiner has failed to identify with any specificity the corresponding structure in any of the references that makes known the claimed wheel, and more specifically "a wheel having a rounded outer edge for engaging the rounded surface of said first housing element, said wheel being coupled to said second housing element at a center point about which the wheel is adapted to rotate, and for traveling around the rounded surface of the first housing element along with the corresponding center point as the wheel rotates, said wheel additionally having a contact point offset from said center point" which in turn interacts as claimed with the other claimed elements.

The applicants would request that the alleged corresponding element in any of the references be identified with their respective element number, if any, as the applicant is unable to identify any such structure, and the Examiner's rejection does not provide any of the necessary details.

Consequently, the references cited by the Examiner fail to make known or obvious claims independent claims 1, 15 and 22, and indirectly any of the independent claims which depend therefrom, namely claims 2-14, 16-21 and 23-39.

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The claims as presently pending are believed to traverse the present rejections, and more generally, are believed to be new and non-obvious in view of the references cited. Consequently, the applicants would respectfully request that the Examiner re-examine and reconsider the presently pending claims for the reasons noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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